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**Book of Photos and Recollections from the Willowbrook
Community to be Unveiled Saturday**

To capture the spirit of Willowbrook and its unique sense of place, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission will host a book signing for the newly created book of essays and photographs called *Willowbrook is... Willowbrook es*.

Compiled by artist Rosten Woo, the book chronicles the stories of its residents, their homes and surroundings. A community just south of downtown and only four square miles, Willowbrook has long been overshadowed by its larger and more well-known neighbors, Compton and Watts. However, with nearly half a billion dollars now being invested into the community, including the opening of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital and Outpatient Center, the upcoming renovation of the Rosa Parks Metro Station, a parks master plan and a streetscape improvement project for Wilmington Avenue, Willowbrook is poised to emerge as a destination in its own right.

Who: Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Rosten Woo, community members.

What: Artist availability and book signing, with proceeds to benefit the nonprofit Friends of the Library.

When: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 14, 2013

Where: AC Bilbrew Library, 150 E El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90061

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